



COLORADO HEADWATERS — LAND TRUST —

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Daisy Meadows Conservation Easement
60 acres granted in 2000

Near the end of 2021, CHLT renewed our accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent arm of the Land Trust Alliance tasked with ensuring land trusts adhere to the *Land Trust Standards and Practices*.

It is a significant accomplishment to receive, retain, and renew accreditation status as a land trust. Renewing our accreditation shows our ongoing commitment to be a strong organization dedicated to land conservation.

Two successful events from the year were the Wildflower Walk held at the Fraser Valley Library in July, and the Stargazing Evening at the Daisy Meadows Conservation Easement in Moose Run, in August. Both are now annual events, amongst other events and activities to be seen in 2022.

While 2021 ended without a new easement, we did make headway. We are working on protecting a parcel west of Kremmling near the Enter Easement (80 acres, 2019), received support from Grand County's *Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails* fund. We are so thankful the county has this program, approved by voters, to support our efforts and those of many other organizations to conserve and steward Grand County's bounty of natural resources and recreational opportunities.

We look forward to hearing from you about what you hope to see from the land trust moving forward. From events to educational opportunities to new conservation easements, we are dedicated to achieving our mission:

To conserve and steward the open lands and natural character of the headwaters of the Colorado River in partnership with the local community.



2021 SUMMARY

2021 PRIORITIES & CALENDAR

In 2021, CHLT embraced the changes of the world in incorporating ‘physically distanced’ events and activities, including virtual conversations with other conservation professionals and hosting outdoor educational events. If you missed any of the speakers, you can watch the recordings on our YouTube channel!

Here is a summary of the events from 2021:

- January 22: Annual Board Retreat
- April Poetry Month
 - 15: Conservation Professional Panel [video]
 - 19: Partners In the Outdoors Conference
- May 18: Colorado Public Lands Day
 - 20: CO Parks and Wildlife Discussion [video]
 - 26: Middle Park High School Scholarship Presentation
- July Summer BioBlitz (month-long)
 - 18: Wildflower Walk @ Fraser Valley Library
- August 13: Stargazing Evening @ Daisy Meadows
 - 26: Stargazing & Dark Skies Discussion [video]
- September 10-11: Plein Air @ Altitude
 - 23: National Public Lands Day Discussion [video]
 - 25: National Public Lands Day
- October 03-10: **Hats Off for Headwaters** [videos]
 - 21: Conservation Tax Credit Program Discussion [video]
- December 07: Colorado Gives Day

2021 BOARD UPDATE

We were thrilled to welcome **Tony Eason** as a new board member in 2021. Tony brings with him years of experience in business and conservation, having been an active member of such groups through his life. His insights from the field and energy at the table fit in well with the rest of the CHLT team as we continue to grow and change with the times. Read more: www.coloradoheadwaterslandtrust.org.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 DONORS

We exist by the support, enthusiasm, and generosity of our community. Donors included first-time supporters and long-time advocates, and ranged from Grand County locals to families across the country adding to the gifts of their relatives.

In 2021 we raised funding from over **220** unique donors!



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CAROLYN HACKMAN EDUCATION FUND

The Carolyn Hackman Education Fund (CHEF) was created with the expressed purpose of “providing financial assistance to Grand County students who are looking to increase their knowledge of land conservation and management, and who wish to carry such knowledge and appreciation into their adult years.”



CHLT annually distributes \$2,000 in **scholarships** from CHEF to graduating high school seniors in Grand County. In 2021 we awarded the annual scholarship to two very deserving students from Middle Park High School, in Granby: **Bethanne Droll** and **Krista Conrad**. We are so proud of them and wish the best of luck to both of them. We look forward to seeing them grow as community leaders and conservation professionals.

We are also in a **sponsorship agreement** with the Headwaters Ecology and Community Center in Winter Park, wherein the Land Trust annually sponsors the tickets of Grand County children to attend the *Headwaters River Journey* educational exhibit.



HEADWATERS CENTER
ECOLOGY • EVENTS • EDUCATION

In 2021, **422 tickets** were provided for Grand County children from our sponsorship.

CHLT believes the Headwaters Center accurately and effectively educates the public on the issues and arguments surrounding water supply and use in Grand County. Our contribution to the Center will allow for Grand County children to learn the expertly-presented information in the engaging, entertaining environment of the Headwaters Center.

GREAT APPRECIATION TO OUR 2021 EVENT SPONSORS

Allan C. Beezley, PC | Colleen Hannon & Jon Morrissey | Conservation Tax Credit Transfer | Credit Union of the Rockies | David & Hannelore Doty | Deb Froeb | Ed & Susan Herpel | Edward Jones | Graham & Louise Powers | Johnson Acquisition Corp | Kristen L. Meyer & Associates at RE/MAX Peak to Peak | Michelle & John Cowardin | Middle Park Health | Milgrom & Daskam | Mountain Parks Electric | Mountain Top Builders | Munn Architecture | Neils Lunceford | Peter Nelson Mountain Architecture | Real Estate of Winter Park | Roger Hedlund & Michele Murray-Hedlund | Sky Hi News | Stewart & Nancy McNab | Tax Credit Connection, Inc | Tony & Beth-Ann Eason

MANY THANKS TO OUR 2021 PROJECT & PROGRAM GRANTING ENTITIES

Bamboo Fund | Denver Foundation | Dirtywater Fund | Forte Foundation | Grand County Board of County Commissioners (*Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Fund*) | Grand Foundation | Kroger | Rendezvous Foundation | Rotary Club of Granby Foundation | Weathertop Foundation



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2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2021 OPERATING INCOME

Grants & Gifts:	\$ 180,442
Fundraising/Events:	\$ 25,213
Other:	\$ 121,303

TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 326,958
[In-kind]	\$ 18,977

2021 OPERATING EXPENSES

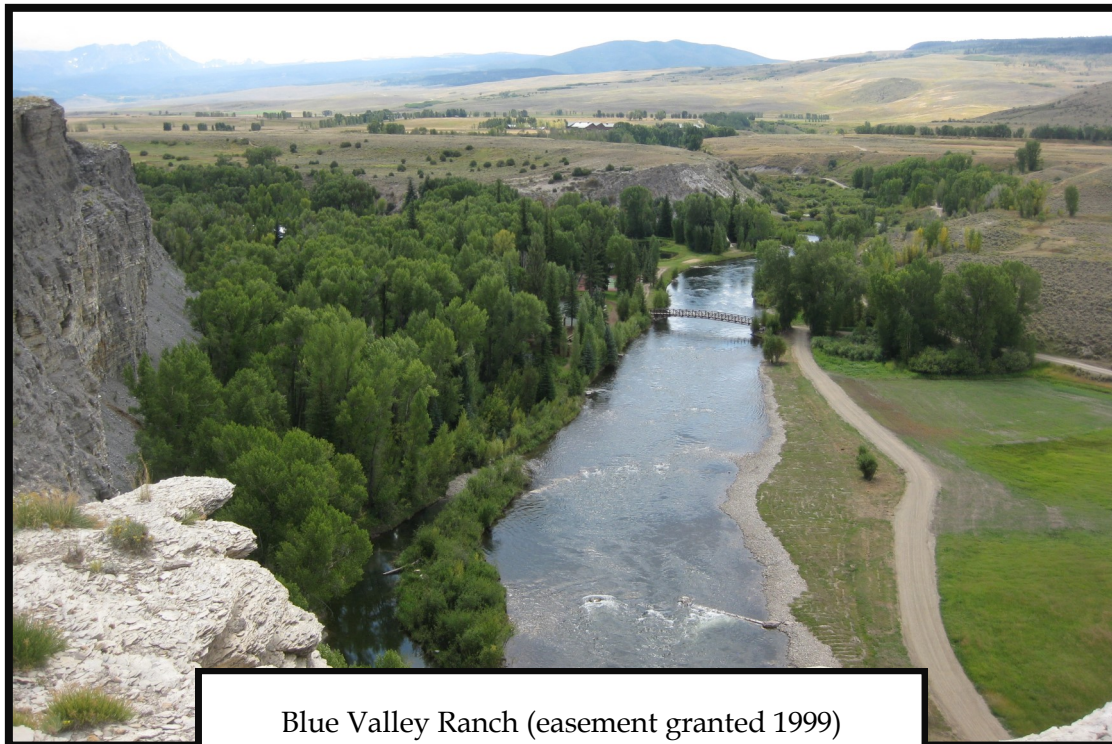
Easement Services:	\$ 95,740
Marketing/Fundraising:	\$ 43,921
Operations:	\$ 57,872

TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 197,533
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ASSET ALLOCATION (Restricted Funds)

Carolyn Hackman Edu. Fund:	\$ 266,467
General Conservation Fund:	\$ 315,562
Stewardship Defense Fund:	\$ 1,064,913

VALUE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS:	\$ 35,600,000
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Blue Valley Ranch (easement granted 1999)
Photo by CHLT staff © September 2019

Thank you for all your support!

We look forward to continuing our mission in Grand County with your generous help. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns, and we hope to keep in touch!

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